[Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

(e) Yes. There are three applications from Muslim graduates but none of them possesses the requisite qualifications.

Special Mahomedan Schools.

358. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) how many special Mahomedan schools there are among the Vernacular Schools of the State ;

(b) how many of them are boys' schools and how many girls' schools ;

(c) whether the number of Muslim girls' schools was increasing or decreasing during the last five years :

(d) if it is decreasing, the reason for it;

(e) whether there are proposals to open new Muslim girls' schools in the State ;

(f) if the answer to part (e) is in the affirmative, what departmental action has been taken on these proposals ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (a) 80.

(b) 70 boys' schools and 10 girls' schools.

(c) The number has remained the same.

(d) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (c).

(e) Yes.

(f) The matter is under correspondence.

Control over the Muslim Schools.

359. * MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) in which officer the controlling power of the Muslim Vernacular Primary Schools is vested ;

(b) whether the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools is exercising power of administrative control over Muslim Vernacular Primary Schools and Muslim Vernacular Middle Schools ;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction propose to invest him with controlling power over all the Muslim Schools or over all the Muslim Girls' Schools at least, with the introduction of the educational reforms in the State ;

(d) if not, why ;

(e) whether the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools had ever been invested with the power of administrative control over Muslim Schools at least experimentally for any length of time ; and

(f) if not, why ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (a) The Inspector of Vernacular Schools as regards the boys' schools and the Inspectress of girls' schools as regards the girls' schools.

(b) No.

(c) No.

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(*d*) Because the administrative control must rest in an officer of higher status.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The member is referred to part (*d*) of the answer.

Arabic (Second Language) in English High Schools.

360. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when and by whom the syllabus of studies for Arabic Second Language for the English High School classes of the State was prepared;

(*b*) whether separate question papers, *viz.*, one for the language and another for grammar and translation, were set in Arabic Second Language for the last two E. S. L. C. examinations;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction has consulted any scholar in Arabic in fixing the number of question papers to be set in this subject;

(*d*) how many question papers in Arabic Second Language are set for the ensuing E. S. L. C. examination;

(*e*) if the number of question papers in Arabic Second Language for the ensuing E. S. L. C. examination is not the same as that of the two previous examinations, the reason for such an alteration in the number of papers;

(*f*) whether any Arabic scholar was consulted in bringing about such a change;

(*g*) how much time was allowed for answering the following question papers for the E. S. L. C. examination;

(i) Arabic Second Language first paper;

(ii) Arabic Second Language second paper; and

(*h*) the time allowed for answering the question paper in Arabic Second Language for the ensuing E. S. L. C. examination?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) It was drawn up in 1929 by a Committee consisting of Mr. S. M. Sulaiman (Mahomedan Inspector) and Mr. Abdul Kadir Moulvi, The present Mahomedan Inspector of Schools, Mr. A. Ahmed Kunju B.A., also scrutinised it in 1107 and 1108 before it was made final.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Two.

(*e*) It is the same as that of the two previous examinations.

(*f*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*g*) 2 hours each.

(*h*) 2 hours each.

Statement by caste of clerks etc, in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

361. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing the number

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